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1. AT PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU'S REQUEST, I CALLED ON HIM MORNING OF APRIL 25 FOR HALF-HOUR DISCUSSION. HE BEGAN BY HANDING ME A TEXT OF THE "OBSERVATIONS" ON THE TURKISH CYPRIOT PROPOSALS WHICH HAD BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE ACTING REPRESENTATIVE OF SYG BY THE GREEK CYPRIOT NEGOTIATOR ON APRIL 22. THE PRESIDENT ASKED ME IF I HAD ALREADY RECEIVED THIS DOCUMENT FROM OTHER SOURCES AND I TOLD HIM I HAD NOT. (WE RECEIVED A SECOND COPY FROM THE FOREIGN MINISTRY ABOUT THE SAME TIME. IT IS BEING SUMMARIZED SEPTEL.) I ASKED HIM IF HE WAS MAKING THIS AVAILABLE TO ANY OTHERS AND HE SAID THAT THEY HAD MADE A COPY AVAILABLE TO THE GREEK GOVERNMENT AND WOULD PROBABLY MAKE IT SUBSEQUENTLY AVAILABLE TO THE BRITISH BECAUSE OF THEIR ROLE AS A GUARANTOR POWER. IN REPLY TO MY QUESTION, THE PRESIDENT SAID HE WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF WE WOULD TREAT THIS DOCUMENT AS CONFIDENTIAL AT LEAST FOR THE TIME BEING. AT SOME
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POINT IN THE FUTURE THE GOC MIGHT DECIDE TO PUT IT IN THE PUBLIC DOMAIN BUT NO DECISION HAD BEEN MADE TO THAT EFFECT.

2. AT THIS POINT I CARRIED OUT INSTRUCTIONS REFTTEL. THIS ASPECT BEING REPORTED SEPTEL.

3. I THEN ASKED THE PRESIDENT FOR HIS IDEAS ON NEXT STEPS. HE REPLIED THAT HE THOUGHT THE SYG IN DUE COURSE, WHICH HE DEFINED AS BEING SOME TIME AROUND MAY 15, SHOULD ANNOUNCE THAT AS A RESULT OF HIS CONSULTATIONS WITH BOTH SIDES, HE HAD CONCLUDED THERE DID NOT EXIST A BASIS FOR RESUMPTION OF THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS. AFTER THIS THERE COULD BE A PAUSE DURING WHICH INFORMAL EXPLORATIONS COULD TAKE PLACE IN NEW YORK SINCE THE PRESIDENT UNDERSTOOD THAT PRIMIN ECEVIT WOULD BE PRESENT IN NEW YORK AT THE SAME TIME AS HE WAS. IN REPLY TO MY QUESTION AS TO WHETHER HE HAD EVER MET ECEVIT, PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU REPLIED THAT HE HAD NOT. COMMENT: I GAINED THE DISTINCT IMPRESSION THAT KYPRIANOU WAS ANXIOUS TO MEET PRIMIN ECEVIT AND HOPED THAT SOME ARRANGMENT COULD BE MADE FOR HIM TO DO SO INFORMALLY WHILE THEY WERE BOTH IN NEW YORK. END COMMENT.

4. WE THEN DISCUSSED THE NATURE OF THE TURKISH PROPOSALS AND THE PRESIDENT STATED THAT THE SITUATION WAS NOW WORSE THAN IF THEY HAD NEVER BEEN MADE AT ALL. IT WAS CLEAR THAT HE BELIEVED THEY WERE RETROGRESSIVE. I COMMENTED THAT IT WAS DISAPPOINTING THAT THE TURKS HAD NOT FELT IN A POSITION TO HAVE BEEN MORE GENEROUS WITH REGARD TO TERRITORY. THE PRESIDENT REJOINED THAT DETAILS OF TERRITORY WAS NOT WHAT WAS NEEDED, RATHER WHAT WAS NEEDED WAS THAT THE TURKS CHANGE THE ENTIRE BASIS OF THEIR PROPOSALS; THE ENTIRE THRUST OF THE
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TURKISH PROPOSALS AMOUNTED TO DEFACTO PARTITION OF CYPRUS AND THAT HIS GOVERNMENT COULD NEVER ACCEPT.

5. I ASKED THE PRESIDENT HOW ARRANGEMENTS COULD BE MADE WHICH WOULD PROVIDE ASSURANCES OF SECURITY FOR THE TURKISH CYPRIOT POPULATION WITHIN A SINGLE BIZONAL STATE. THE PRESIDENT ALLEGED THAT THE PROBLEM RESTED WITH THE TURKISH CYPRIOT LEADERSHIP. HE BELIEVED THE AVERAGE TURKISH CYPRIOT, TOO, WAS ANXIOUS TO BE REJOINED WITH HIS GREEK COMPATRIOT. HE SAID EVERY DAY THAT WENT BY HIS GOVERNMENT RECEIVED LETTERS FROM TURKISH CYPRIOTS ASKING THAT THE GOC HELP THEM. HE THEN SAID SPEAKING HYPOTHETICALLY, THAT IF ONE COULD ARRANGE FOR THE COMPLETE WITHDRAWAL OF TURKISH FORCES AND THEIR REPLACEMENT BY AMERICAN FORCES HE BELIEVED A SOLUTION TO THE CYPRUS PROBLEM WOULD BE FOUND WITHIN A WEEK.

6. WE AGREED ON PARTING THAT WE WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY HAVE FURTHER OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS THESE MATTERS.
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